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FM AMEMBASSY TOKYO

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 5016

INFO AMEMBASSY JAKARTA

C O N F I D E N T I A L TOKYO 12920

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ENRG ID JA

SUBJ: ENERGY: INDONESIAN LNG

1. TOKYO GAS VICE PRESIDENT TAKEO MURAKAMI CALLED ON THE AMBASSADOR OCTOBER 2 TO OUTLINE A PROPOSAL FOR BREAKING PACIFIC LIGHTING - PERTAMINA IMPASS OVER LNG. MURAKAMI SAID THAT WHEN HE LAST TALKED WITH PACIFIC LIGHTING (PL) PRESIDENT JOSEPH RENSCH IN MAY, RENSCH SEEMED ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT THE SCHEME, BUT THERE HAS BEEN NO MOVEMENT SINCE THEN. MURAKAMI REQUESTED THE AMBASSADOR'S ASSISTANCE IN GETTING RESPONSE FROM PL.

2. IN BRIEF, MURAKAMI PROPOSES THAT PL SWAP ITS CONTRACT, WHICH WE UNDERSTAND IS STILL UNDER NEGOTIATION WITH PERTAMINA, FOR A TOKYO GAS CONTRACT WITH PHILLIPS/MARATHON FOR ONE MILLION TONS ANNUALLY OF ALASKAN LNG. PRICE OF ALASKAN LNG TO PL AND MODALITIES WOULD HAVE TO BE NEGOTIATED, BUT MURAKAMAI THINKS THAT HIS SCHEME WOULD SATISFY ALL PARTIES: PL WOULD GAIN AN ASSURED SOURCE OF SUPPLY AT A PRICE WITHIN FPC APPROVAL LIMITS, INDONESIA WOULD GET A HIGHER PRICE THAN PACIFIC LIGHTING WILL PAY, AND TOKYO GAS WOULD OBTAIN ADDED VOLUME.

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3. AMBASSADOR HODGSON RESPONDED THAT HE HAD NOT TALKED  
WITH RENSCH SINCE LAST APRIL AND SUGGESTED THAT THE MOST  
EFFECTIVE COURSE OF ACTION WOULD BE FOR TOKYO GAS AND PL  
TO DISCUSS THE MATTER DIRECTLY. THE AMBASSADOR THEN  
OFFERED TO WRITE TO RENSCH, TELLING HIM OF MURAKAMI'S  
CALL AND SUGGESTING THAT RENSCH CONTACT TOKYO GAS DIRECTLY.  
THE AMBASSADOR'S LETTER BEING POUCHED  
TO EA/J.  
HODGSON

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